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1. APPROACH TO OFFER IV GRANT TO DEPARTMENT HEAD (PUBLIC WORKS)
ROME MUNICIPALITY TURNS UP FACT THAT HIS ABSENCE FOR MORE THAN
A WEEK OR AT MOST TEN DAYS IS TOTALLY OUT OF QUESTION, IN
FOREEABLE FUTURE. HOWEVER HIS EAGERNESS TO VISIT THE US AND
OBSERVE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT CLEAR FROM CONVERSATION AND HAS
MADE COUNTER SUGGESTION THAT TWO OR THREE COLLEAGUES IN MUNICIPAL
ADMINISTRATION JOIN HIM FOR A SHORTER GRANT OF TEN DAYS. IN
THIS EVENT OFFERS TO COVER INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL.

2. MISSION GRANTS COMMITTEE UNANIMOUSLY ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT THIS
PROPOSAL WHICH IN EFFECT MENA S TRADING ONE FULL GRANT FOR
THREE OR FOUR PARTIAL GRANTS. WE REALIZE THE DISADVANTAGES OF
A VISIT AS SHORT AS TEN DAYS, BUT WE SEE INTERESTING POSSIBILI-
TIES OF DEVELOPING, THROUGH SUCH A TEAM VISIT, FUTURE PROGRAM IN
MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT WITH EXTENDED TIME POSSIBILITIES, AND STRONG
JOINT FUNDING BY CONVINCING FIORE OF VALUE OF PRE-PLANNED VISIT
OF LONGER DURATION FOR YOUNG AND MIDDLE-LEVEL STAFF.

3. REQUEST SOONEST JUDGEMENT THIS IDEA IN PRINCIPLE SO AS TO CARRY
ON DISCUSSION WITH ASSESSORE FIORE IN POSITIVE VEIN.VOLPE

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